

1999 Winter Weather Related Fatalities

Winter weather resulted in 41 casualties; 39 from winter storms and 2 from ice. Not included in this total are 26 fatalities from avalanches. The 1999 winter weather deaths are down significantly from 1998's total of 77. Of the 41 fatalities from winter storms and ice, 15 were located outside in the open and 13 were in vehicles. California suffered 9 deaths and Alaska Nebraska both had 5. In April 2000, 8 men died when 18 inches of snow fell in a 12-hour period in the Pine Creek Wilderness area of the Laguna Mountains, California. Nearly three times as many males as females died from winter storms and ice. Age demographics were spread evenly with the 40- to 49-age group suffering the highest number of deaths with 11.

1999 WINTER STORM FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AK	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
AR	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CA	0	0	1	8	0	0	9
IA	0	0	1	2	1	0	4
IL	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
KS	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
MT	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
ND	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
NE	0	0	0	1	0	4	5
OR	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PA	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
WA	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WI	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WV	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WY	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
TOTAL	0	0	8	15	5	13	41
PERCENT	0	0	20	37	12	32	101*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

1999 WINTER STORM FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	1	1	0	2	5
10 TO 19	1	4	0	5	12
20 TO 29	0	6	0	6	15
30 TO 39	1	5	0	6	15
40 TO 49	5	6	0	11	27
50 TO 59	0	4	0	4	10
60 TO 69	2	0	0	2	5
70 TO 79	1	0	0	1	2
80 TO 89	0	2	0	2	5
90 TO --	0	1	0	1	2
UNKNOWN	0	1	0	1	2
TOTAL	11	30	0	41	100
PERCENT	27	73	0	100	

LEGEND

LS - Long-Span Roof
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
VE - Vehicle